STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1299

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 0 6 2015

RE: S.C.R. No. 194 S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 194 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AIRPORT AUTHORITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Transportation to develop a plan for the establishment of an Airport Authority.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, Hawaiian Airlines, Airlines Committee of Hawaii, and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Procurement Office.

Your Committee finds that several airports in other jurisdictions have airport authorities that are highly regarded for their efficient operation. This operational model offers the flexibility, stability, expertise, and accountability of a private sector business along with the necessary government oversight. An airport authority in the State would provide a degree of independence and flexibility that is enjoyed by other jurisdictions. Your Committee believes that airport operations could be improved by the creation of an airport authority.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language urging the Department of Transportation to develop a plan for the establishment of a ports authority, rather than an airport authority, to have jurisdiction over the management, construction, operations, and finances of the State's airports and harbors;
- (2) Inserting language to provide background information that more clearly articulates the purpose and intent;
- (3) Inserting language to request the Department of Transportation to submit a report to the Legislature on its plan to establish a port authority;
- (4) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 194, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 194, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Transportation,

Clarence K. NISHIHARA, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Eighth Legislature State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 Pass 2311 Pass					
Members		Aye	Aye (WF	R) Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)		√			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)		\			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.					
ENGLISH, J. Kalani		V			
ESPERO, Will					
INOUYE, Lorraine R.					
KIDANI, Michelle N.		\checkmark			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.					
SLOM, Sam					
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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